

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 11-29, 31 and 32-35 remain in this application. Claims 13 and 24 have been amended. Claims 7-10 have been canceled. Claims 1, 2, 11 and 12 are allowed.

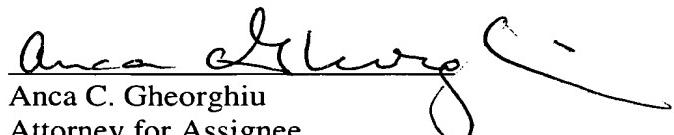
The Examiner rejects claims 7-10, 13-29, 31 and 32-35 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morena in view of Nishimura. Claims 7-10 have been cancelled. Independent claims 13 and 24 have been amended to recite that a portion of the Cs₂O is substituted with SrO to form a third phase selected from the group consisting of SrO·Al₂O₃·2SiO₂ (SAS₂), SrO· SiO₂ (SrSiO₃) and combinations thereof. Neither Morena nor Nishimura teaches or suggests this processing step. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of claims 13 and 24, and the remaining claims which depend therefrom, under 35 U.S.C 103(a).

Based upon the above amendments, remarks, and papers of records, applicant believes the pending claims of the above-captioned application are in allowable form and patentable over the prior art of record. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely. Should applicant be in error, applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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